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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in this application. No additional fee is required. The fee is calculated below.

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the September 23, 2004 Office Action, please amend this application as shown on the attached sheets.

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 6 remain in the application. Claims 1, 3, and 5 have been amended.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1 to 6 under 35 USC 101. The claims have been amended.

The claims are now believed to be distinct and non-obvious from, and patentable over, the claims of the parent patent No. 6,635,888 by virtue of "bleeding gas into the vicinity